#### SPIRITED DEFENCE OF OSTEOPATHY

EXCEPTIONS TAKEN TO DR. BATESON'S PAPER.

Letter Which Sets Forth the Claims of Practitioners of the New School of Healing-Do Not Claim to Cure Everything but Allege That Drugs Are Not the Only Means of Conquering Disease.

Editor of The Tribune.

the report of the County Medical society. Among many things discussed was the subject of esteopa-thy. We are pleased to see our medical friends progressive, and the best evidence of progress in a man or a body of mon engaged in the noble calling of healing the sick is to know that they are honestly seeking to know something of the resely-discovered science of osteopathy. That our medical friends are horestly seeking to know something of osteopathy is evidenced by the fact that one of them prepared a paper on the subject for the instruction and advancement of his fel-iows. The paper which was prepared by Dr. Bateson cortained a few mistakes as to what inteopathy really is, and we believe it due to the public, to the medical society and to Dr. Bateon himself that these mistakes should at least

Now, Dr. Bateson, "hat is esteopathy? It is not, as you say, a system of rubbing. Therein you are mistaken. It is not a fake, as you claim. It is not an old method under a new name, as you would have your friends believe. It is not a scapegoat, as you stoted. That onteepaths have no training in anatomy, physical-ogy, histology, dissection, etc., is not at all in

keeping with facts. It does not in any sense seek to shorten the was no hope and had left the house that he might not hear the grief. A woman who was doing housework for the family told the mother of Dr. Still and begged that she might go and how it happened that Dr. Bateson's name.

and pathos (suffering) are plain enough, the combination is strange. The word itself, like combination is strange. The word itself, like all other words viewed from the standpoint of etymology, speaks little. The etymology of allopathy or homeopathy gives but little information about the system for which each stands. Now, osteopathy, like allopathy and homeopathy, stands for something. What, then, does it stands for something. What, then, does it stand for? It studs for a system of treating diseases of the larman body by scientific, me-chanical manipulation and without the use of

The system or science of celeopathy was developed by Dr. A. T. Still, of Kirksville, Mo. Dr. Still was an M. D. of the old school and a surgeon in the Federal army, and while he was accounted a very successful physician, he saw so many cases where drugs accomplished nothing that he was constrained to seek a remedy where drugs were conceded to be inefficient. Physiologic can be stimulated or inhibited mechanically as well as chemically by drogs. Taking up this proposition laid down by every authority on physiology that mechanical work on nerves and nerve centers produces stimulation and inhibition the same as medicine taken internally, he commenced his work of investigation and experiment. This was nearly forty years ago. In 1874 he was convinced in his own mind that nechanical work on nerves and nerve centers not only accom-plished all the good results of internal chemical action, but it did away with the after effects of poisonous drugs in the system. In that year he commenced to talk the new system and new theory. He was met at first by ridicule. Many of his friends thought he was insane. Upon eiting authority in all physiologies for the truth of the principle upon which he worked he was told be did not understand what he read. He was finally reduced to poverty, and though he accomplished remarkable cures at every oppor tunity, there were none but the poor at first that among these he proved his theory;

CASES WHICH CAUSED COMMENT. In 1885, in the home of a wealthy family, tittle child had been given up to die of dipt-

theria. The attending doctor had said there was no hope and had left the house that is consented, but instructed that Dr. Still should come in at the back door. The house servant

Still, bringing him in the back door through the kitchen. The case was desperate. The child was indeed in the shadow of the grave, but Dr. Still had tested his system, and by the new science he believed there was hope. This was about 2 o'clock p. m. He asked no questions but went at once to the rescue. He worked faithfully and almost without intermission upon the nerve centers of the throat until 4 o'clock

ister of the city, who had been unable to walk for several months, sent for Dr. Still. He came and discovered that the hip was displaced. The hip was set at once and the poor girl that had suffered so many menths was at once free from too bonesi and too grateful not to give Dr. Still explit for what he had done, and the next Sab-bath morning the minister related the case to congregation and offered public prayer for Still, who had brought sunshine to his home. Dr. Still no longer had to come in the back way, The man and his system from that time on com-manced respect. But then came opposition from other medical men. The system was denounced by medical societies and medical boards. But he great mass of people endorsed him. His work proved his theory. A school was opened in 1892 to teach the new system. Since 1896 nine of the states have legalized osteopathy as a third school of practice and all the other states are now preparing to follow.

CLAIMS OF THE OSTEOPATHS.

Osteopaths do not claim to cure everything. They do not claim to cure consumption, cancer, nor to make young those who are old. But they of treating all curable diseases. They do claim to have a new system for healing that really does the work and in proof of their statement they irect the investigator to the states of Illinois, swa. Michigan, Tennessee, North Dakota, Misscuri. Ohio and Vermont, where the people through their legislatures have passed state laws legalizing the new science and placing it on an Technically medicine for the most part when other subjects, text books, dissection, etc., are taken into the body either stimulates or in-hibits nerve action. Osteopathy accomplishes the same thing by mechanical means by work on subject throughout the course.

nerves and nerve centers.

it is thrown into the circulation, is carried throughout the system and affects more or less the whole body, whereas the cateopath treats the Osteopathy asks for nothing more. It is willing nerves and the parts affected, and these only. The blood nourishes all parts of the body, but the nerves control the blood, hence to control the nerves is to control the blood. Now the new science claims that it has discovered a way to control the nerves of any part of the body, and in this way they are able to increase or dethe next morning, when he was recommended that morning, when he was recommended a change for the better. He told the produced a change for the better. He told the mother the child would live. And though there was joy in the house, Dr. Still was let quietly out at the back door, and the rich family, though he had saved the life of their child, were ashamed to let it be known that Dr. Still had been at their house.

The produced a change for the better. He told the wonderfully made that it has the wonderfully made that it has the producines from simple nutritions food all medicines that it has use for or requires. There is a power withing the body to make from simple tood, hair, mails, bone, muscle, nerve, blood and all parts of the body. Now it is chaimed that this same producine and does make every compound that ment, every medicine and every compound that the next ment and does make every compound that ment is an analysis of the body. ment, every medicine and every compound that the body really needs. If, then, it has the power within itself to make from food all medi-

> THE ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHY. Barre and vicinity became interested in the new science and desired to study it, but disliked to take the long trip to Missouri. Accordingly a few business men of Wilkes-Barre decided to open a school and its growth has been phenor enal. The incorporators received their chart in March, 1899. The first class assembled April 1800, and now in one year rearly one hundre students are in attendance and the managemen is erecting a splendid three-story building which will accommodate 1,000 students.

> The faculty of the Atlantic School of Oste-cpathy is now composed of eight dectors, five

steepaths and three medical doctors. The three

medical doctors are H. I. Hewish, A. B. B. S. C., M. D.; J. T. Male, A. B., M. D., and A. H. Bruce, Ph. B., M. D., each of whom has thoroughly investigated and now thoroughly inderses he new science of osteopathy. the same number of months as he would to become a medical doctor. The course of study and time required are practically the same. To be come a medical doctor one must attend school four winters. To become an esteopath one must attend two full years. The number of months in each are practically the same, i. e., twenty-four months in actual attendance. The course of study is the same, except in osteopathic colleges

identical. The osteopaths, however, lay special stress on anatomy and teach it from the living When a medicine is taken into the stomach gate first and speak afterwards. We believe it is

to stand or fall on its merit. We are willing to believe that there is some good in all sys-tems, but we doubt if any one has all the truth. Hoping that these few lines will serve to remove in some degree an evident misunderstanding on the part of Dr. Bateson, and the medical society

with 'malice toward none but with char-for all' we are, Respectfully, Matthews & Hook, Osteopaths, 305 Board of Trade

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